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Lori A. Maddox used politics to do God's work

Lori Maddox, East Orange councilwoman and daughter of former Councilman Nelson Maddox died on Monday in Saint Clare's Hospital from breast cancer.

Lori Maddox taking up the political baton from her father, became councilwoman in January of 2001.

Using her faith and foundation as a member of New Hope Baptist Church, Ms. Maddox with the help of her family and friends launched her political career as a way of helping her community.

Committed to her responsibility as councilwoman, she commented to City News in a former interview, "For the first time in my whole life, I understand it's going to take a whole village to raise back up this community. It's nothing that I can do by myself. I'm going to need them to let me know their concerns, even if it's a complaint. By working on behalf of them (constituents) is also working for me, because I live here."

In her brief time as Councilwoman, Lori Maddox made a difference for her community and those who were fortunate enough to meet her.

Ms. Maddox is survived by her son, Louis Hawkins, her parents, her two brothers, Byron and Zedrick, her sister, Charline Potecze.

Visitation is 6 to 9 pm at Hope Baptist Church, 106 Sussex Ave, Newark. Funeral Services will be held at the Church at 11 am on Saturday with burial at Fairmount Cemetery in Newark.

Future Presidential debate must target more issues important to Black people

By: Hazel Trice Edney
NNPA Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON (NNPA)—The first Congressional Black Caucus-sponsored Democratic presidential debate produced several sharp exchanges and some memorable quotes, but did not focus enough on issues important to African-Americans, a problem critics hope will be corrected at a second CBC debate next month in Detroit.

"I don't think it was Black enough. In this kind of an atmosphere, I would have let the domestic issues ride. They spent too much time talking about Iraq," observes Ronald Walters, political science professor at the University of Maryland-College Park.

"They needed harder questions like ones that have to do with the criminal justice stuff, the death penalty, three strikes and you're out, equalization of cocaine sentencing, the [disenfranchisement of] convicted felons, police profiling, the whole litany. Some people were satisfied with it. But I wasn't satisfied with it."

The debate was held last week at historically Black Morgan State University in Baltimore. All nine candidates were jockeying to impress Black voters during the debate, which was televised on the Fox News cable channel.

"I'm the only White politician that ever talks about race in front of White audiences. Black folks have heard lectures from White politicians for a long time. We always talk about race. White folks need to talk to White people in America about race," said former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, the surprise front-runner in the race.

Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut, Al Gore's vice presidential running mate in 2000, drew on his experience in the Civil Rights Movement in an attempt to connect with Black voters.

"Before I got into politics, my first act of public service was in the Civil Rights Movement. I marched with Dr.



Carol Mosley Braun



Gov. Howard Dean



Sen. John Edwards



Rev. Al Sharpton



Sen. Bob Graham



Dennis Kucinich



Sen. Joe Lieberman



Dick Gephardt

King 40 years ago... I went to Mississippi to fight in 1963 for the right of African-Americans to vote," Lieberman said. "...

I'm going to talk about race and keep marching with Dr. King and his spirit for jobs and freedom and equality until the dream the Dr. King enunciated 40 years ago is fully realized. This is from my heart. This will define my presidency."

Panelist Ed Gordon, a former host on Black Entertainment Television, asked Dean, "Frankly there's been some concern that because of the racial makeup of Vermont, about 0.5 percent Black, that you would have a difficult time connecting and really understanding the concerns of minorities, in particular, African-Americans. Is this valid? And, if so, what are you doing to connect with this community?"

Dean had obviously anticipated the question.

"If the percentage of minorities that's in your state has anything to do with how you connect with African-American voters, then Trent Lott [the ultra-conservative former Senate Majority Leader] would be Martin Luther King," he said, eliciting loud laughter.

Dean's quotable lines were not enough to offset a criticism that his public supporters and

staff are mostly White, a charge a newly hired Black staffer acknowledges.

"Obviously, the most immediate need is to take the message, the candidate and the campaign into communities of color because that's actually the next phase of the campaign's growth process," says Andrea "Andi" Pringle, Dean's deputy campaign manager and former manager of former Sen. Carol Moseley Braun's campaign. She also was a volunteer in Jesse Jackson's 1984 and 1988 campaigns.

Pringle says many of Dean's followers are White because his audiences reflect the makeup of states where he has done most of his campaigning. She says Dean will begin appearing in more Black churches and before Black neighborhood groups and African-American organization.

Of the leading White candidates, Kerry was perhaps the stiffest. But he scored points with the audience when he said, "This is the biggest say-nothing-do-another administration in all time. The president says one thing about children, does another; one thing about taxes, does another; about housing, about the war, about—goes to Goree Island, spends a few minutes, behaves like Abraham Lincoln; goes to South

Carolina, behaves like Jefferson Davis on the Confederate flag."

Former House Majority and Minority Leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri tried to tap into Black disappointment with the party.

"This party has to earn the vote of African-Americans. This party can't assume anything," Gephardt said. "We've got to bring ideas and programs for civil rights, for equal rights, for economic rights, for health care rights. That's the way we're going to win the election and that's the way we keep faith with the African-American community in this country."

But Al Sharpton was the clear crowd favorite. Whether he was chiding hecklers for disrupting a Black-sponsored event or delivering blistering one-liners, he came across as the host of the debate rather than one of nine participants.

Sharpton strongly rebuked party leaders for taking Blacks for granted.

"We need to take the Democratic Party home to our daddies and discuss marriage or a break up," he said to thunderous applause. "We help take you to the dance and you leave with Right-wingers, you leave with people that you say are swing voters, you leave with people that are antithetical to

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Professional and Olympic athletes participating in the YMCA Celebrity Golf Classic took time to play gold with kids of Renaissance Golf Youth at the Weequahic Park Golf Course in Newark

Elaine C. Harrington, a 1961 graduate of Tuskegee Institute is among the 50 or more commissioners selected to participate on Equity Commission in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education. The Commission convened in June and have meetings scheduled for October in DC and in May 2004 in Topeka, KS. Ms. Harrington is a member of the National Board of Directors-NAACP serving as Third Vice Chairperson of the National Education Committee. Rev. Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks, former executive director of



Elaine Harrington NAACP, serves as Honorary Commission Chair.

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Presidential debate must target more black issues

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people that are antithetical to our history and antithetical to our interests. I am saying in 2004, if we take you to the party, you're going home with us or we're not taking you to the party."

The other Black candidate on the stage, former Sen. Braun, mixed her appeals to both Blacks and women voters, calling her campaign a fight for the American dream.

"To me, that means making certain the fight to preserve our civil liberties is waged, making certain the fight against discrimination is waged, making certain that women have opportunity in this country," she said. "I am determined to take the 'men-only' sign off the White House door."

Dennis Kucinich of Ohio attacked racially disparate drug sentencing policies.

Replying to journalist Farai Chideya, Kucinich said, "We have to acknowledge what you just said in our national discussions, that drug sentencing ends up being discriminatory..."

"We need to make sure that those who are trafficking in it [drugs] and making a big profit are brought to justice," Kucinich said. "But we need to get rid of mandatory minimums. We need to stop this harsh and punitive approach. And the only approach that I think will work is an approach which emphasizes rehabilitation over incarceration."

Sen. Bob Graham of Florida cited his experience with diversity.

"I happen to come from a state that is very diverse," he said. "In fact, the Miami community has the highest percentage of persons who were born outside the United States of any community in this nation. I understand, by having served and lived in a diverse society, what is required to build the one America that we all seek."

Sen. John Edwards won applause for his opposition to vouchers.

"I am opposed to vouchers, have always been opposed to vouchers," he said before being interrupted by applause. "...The fundamental problem in our public schools, which is that we still have two public school systems in America, one for the 'haves' and one for the 'have-nots,'" Edwards said. "If you live in an affluent community, the odds are your child will get a good public school education. If you don't, the odds go down dramatically."

Even with three Black panelists questioning the candidates, some observers thought there was plenty room for improvement.

"I think they need to pick up on even more issues," says Hilary Shelton, director of the Washington Bureau of the NAACP. "There should be a greater depth and discussion around the issues of economic development in the African-American and other impoverished communities. There was some discussion on education. It was great, but I think we need to dig deeper into that."

Frederick Harris, director of the Center for the Study of African-American Politics at the University of Rochester in

New York, says the CBC's next debate in Detroit on Oct. 26 will provide an ideal platform for discussing affirmative action.

"Both substantively and symbolically, we should get each presidential candidate saying something about the Michigan case," Harris says, referring to two recent U.S. Supreme Court rulings on affirmative action programs at the University of Michigan. "What would they do to even strengthen affirmative action to ensure that on an executive level that

civil rights will be strengthened more?"

Katherine Tate, chair of the political science department at the University of California-Irvine, says Carol Moseley Braun needs to make a more impressive showing.

"To contrast her candidacy with the way that [former New York Congresswoman] Shirley Chisholm's and [Jesse] Jackson's bids opened the doors for Black presidential candidates shows that they really can make an aggressive bid. But, she's not capitalized on that,"

says Tate. "People want to relate to her. You even have [California Republican gubernatorial candidate Arnold] Schwarzenegger talking about he's an immigrant. You don't see Carol Moseley Braun trying to appeal to candidates on those same dimensions."

Walters of the University of Maryland cautions African-Americans about supporting any presidential candidate too early.

He says, "If you get on the band wagon too soon, then you've lost your leverage."

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Editorial

Governor Dismantles Minority Set Asides

What is the plan to achieve economic reciprocity? Does the Governor have one?

The Governor decided to settle a lawsuit brought against the State because of its' Minority Set Aside program and ordered the program dismantled. Attorney General Peter Harvey, who advised the Governor, felt the State's case was too weak to risk trying and would damage chances to maintain anything if the State were to lose. At a breakfast at Drumthwackett, with more than 200 Black corporate executives, professional, and business owners, the Attorney General gave a convincing presentation justifying the State's action.

Over the last 15 years, the far right and often Republicans have spent millions of dollars funding lawsuits against Affirmative Action and minority set-asides across the country. Too often, Democrats have done too little to stand up for their minority base in the face of these challenges and have caved in.

Even in the face of this lawsuit, many expected that the Governor would offer a new model for bringing about economic parity in areas that impact minority business ownership and job creation not just State contracting. It's time that New Jersey urban communities hear a plan that includes creating jobs and building businesses in their communities. In spite of the budget problems, just as this Governor proposed creating a world class University system in New Jersey by merging Rutgers, New Jersey Institute of Technology, and the University of Medicine and Dentistry, we believe it is time to create a world-class workforce development and business creation model to rejuvenate our urban centers.

The model has to include access to capital, workforce development, strong business support services, and new market opportunities. The model used to attract and grow technology businesses can be tweaked to grow more minority owned businesses and attract jobs to urban centers. We encourage the Governor and his highly resourceful staff to create a new vision for economic reciprocity and minority business development that will lead the nation and lead New Jersey's urban centers into becoming one of the States' competitive business advantages.

Higher Education Leaders must stay the course

By James Sulton
Executive Director of New Jersey
Commission on Higher Education

One of the most vexing challenges in contemporary higher education is for leaders to stay the course consistent with basic institutional values. Nowhere is this more important in the 21st century than in the contentious arena of diversity and affirmative action. Even before of the Supreme Court announced decisions in cases involving undergraduate and law school admissions at the University of Michigan last June, one could sense many states retracting their stated commitments. There were practically no colleges or universities in the country that did not promote diversity in the student body and faculty/staff ranks as a premium value. Yet, as soon as litigation was filed many of them instantaneously decided to abandon those commitments.

An earlier example of not staying the course occurred in 1994 when a student successfully sued the University of Maryland over a scholarship designated specifically for African Americans. Quick reactions to that case led colleges and universities in other states to dismantle scholar-

ships that did not even vaguely resemble the University of Maryland's Benjamin Banneker Program. After the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals held in 1996 that the University of Texas Law School maintained an unconstitutional admissions program, diversity initiatives were immediately withdrawn in states way outside that region. Some states eliminated programs that pertain to neither admissions policies nor law schools. As public officials unceremoniously retreated, they left the unfortunate impression that higher education diversity goals in many states were more rhetorical than real.

Thankfully, this has not been the case in New Jersey. Even before the Supreme Court decisions in the University of Michigan cases, we felt assured that New Jersey would sustain its cultivation of multiracial students, faculty and staff at our colleges and universities. Our confidence in this regard was buoyed by the amicus curiae brief that New Jersey's Attorney General submitted in support of the university.

Continuous state support has enabled the Commission on Higher Education to sustain a solid array of programs

and projects that promote racial as well as other types of diversity. These include the Educational Opportunity Fund, a nationally recognized and enviable success that has existed for thirty-five years and enabled thousands of students to graduate. There is also the College Bound Program, which operates on many campuses and serves students in many Abbott Districts. Four years ago the Commission won a \$10 million federal GEAR UP grant with matching state support. The Education of Language Minority Students and Special Needs programs provide vital educational support for students throughout the state. These efforts complement institutionally based initiatives that acknowledge diversity as a vital necessity in New Jersey higher education.

The amicus brief correctly states that New Jersey has a compelling interest in postsecondary student diversity. Since the court last addressed affirmative action in admissions policies in the Bakke decision a quarter century ago, our state has benefited from a continuous drive to extend equal opportunity for higher education to everyone. Most notably, this includes segments of the population that

have been historically underrepresented in the statewide student body. As the many noteworthy alumni of EOF and our other programs demonstrate, the payoff has been enormous for our civic culture and state economy.

Former Justice Lewis Powell condemned racial quotas and so now has Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. And like these justices, the Commission maintains that establishing purely race neutral criteria for admissions would be unfair and would not enhance student diversity at New Jersey's colleges and universities. So-called percentage plans are nefarious because their success depends on maintenance of a segregated feeder school system. Other efforts to employ surrogates for race have also failed. Admissions practices in New Jersey are narrowly tailored in accordance with the understanding that persuaded the Supreme Court to allow race as one of many criteria for admission. Without including race as a factor, higher education would undoubtedly regress. And we have come too far to turn back now.

Higher Education Leaders Must Stay the Course on Diversity and Affirmative Action.

The Opportunity Cost of the War in Iraq

by Lloyd Williams

"Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired, signifies, in a final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and not clothed... I hate war as only a soldier who has lived it can, only as one who has seen its brutality, its futility, its stupidity... We will bankrupt ourselves in the vain search for absolute security"

— President Dwight D. Eisenhower

A common term bandied about by economists is "opportunity cost."

Opportunity cost repre-

sents the value of a benefit lost in choosing one alternative over another. Because it was deemed un-American to oppose the war in Iraq, no one ever questioned the opportunity cost of the invasion.

But the price has already been quite steep. Appearances as the land of plenty to the contrary, the United States does not actually have unlimited resources. Therefore, this society has to come to a consensus about how to allocate its goods and services.

When President Bush, after 9-11, asked Congress for a blank check to track down those responsible, I doubt if many imagined he'd mire us in the neverending, myopic mess that we currently have in Iraq. At this point, we've

devoted over \$72 billion dollars to death and destruction there, bankrupting this country to destroy another.

By contrast, if we had invested all that money in education, do you realize that over a million students could have been awarded full, four-year scholarships to college? Or, a million new teachers could have been hired.

Alternatively, if the cash had been earmarked for housing, an urban ghetto could have been razed and replaced by 750,000 affordable units. Or that \$72 billion could have covered the cost of health care for 22 million Americans for an entire year.

These are only a few of the easily quantifiable opportunity costs associated with a

war whose the basic by-product thus far has been bodies and rubble. Where does that sort of investment get us? We cannot expect any sort of return on tax dollars thus squandered, for it leads to just the opposite result of investing in health, education, jobs and shelter. Tragically, our long-term prospects look even bleaker, given the patriotic clamor to escalate, as if increased military might will cure the assortment of ills visited upon that godforsaken region.

When I was a kid, we called it Vietnam.

Attorney Lloyd Williams is a member of the US Supreme Court, NJ, NY, CT, PA & MA bars.

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Pa. initiative aims to increase minority contract participation

By Christian Morrow

Special to the NNPA from the New Pittsburgh Courier

PITTSBURGH (NNPA)—Pennsylvania is fundamentally changing the way it does business and administration officials say the change will result in more state contracts for minority- and women-owned firms and millions in cost savings.

In an exclusive interview with the New Pittsburgh Courier, state Department of General Services Secretary Don Cunningham and Deputy Secretary Peter Speaks outlined the new centralized procurement plan that Gov. Ed Rendell will formally unveil in Pittsburgh later this month as the Supplier Diversity Initiative.

This initiative will allow General Services, which is responsible for nearly all state contracting and purchasing, to increase business opportunities for minority- and women-owned firms while eliminating redundant and excessive costs.

The governor's official announcement of the diversity initiative is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 25.

The first component of this initiative is centralized purchasing for every agency other than PennDOT. This will reduce the number of purchasing entities

from 15 to one. Purchasing agents are already being retrained in specific market areas.

"Right now, they're jacks of all trades. So they don't know where to look for deals when it comes to a given commodity," said Cunningham. "We estimate this will save \$150 million to \$175 million per year, and we hope to implement it within six-to-nine months." The second requirement of the initiative is to increase minority and women participation in state contracting, which Cunningham said is currently dismal.

"We just got the minority participation numbers from 2002 and they weren't good," he said. "It's 2 percent, which we probably could have gotten by chance. And 1.5 percent of that went to

women-owned firms." Cunningham said the department issued about \$10 billion in contracts last year.

Cunningham's M/WBE participation target is 10 percent, and he said he can achieve it despite the pressure to reduce costs. The initiative will allow for reciprocal certification of M/WBEs with other state and national agencies, which will increase the state's pool of potential minority vendors and also eliminate the onus on small, minority firms to obtain multiple certifications. The real key, to increasing participation, said Cunningham, is getting minority firms to bid on everything from supplying fax machines and food services to lawn care and legal services.

"Historically, minorities have

been pretty much limited to construction contracting. This is about a top-down commitment from the governor to include minorities and women in the other 50 percent of what we so," he said.

In addition to seeking the best price, the newly centralized purchasing agency within the Department of General Services will require a minority component on all bids. The initiative will work, said Cunningham, because it already has.

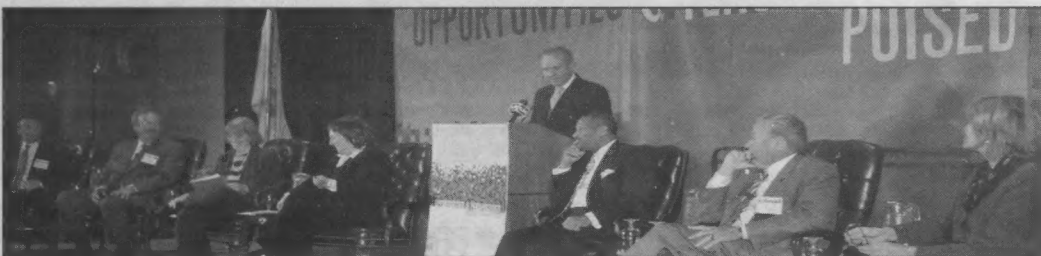
"The Department of Public Welfare needed 7,000 computers and PennDOT needed 5,000. So we identified three manufacturers who wrote the specs, which included a required minority distributor. Then we held an online reverse auction," he said.

"After 45 minutes we had a

35 percent lower price point. And that was the second-lowest bidder because they had an 11 percent minority component," he added. "It will save us \$10 million over the life of the contract."

Speaks said all of these suggestions either came from or were approved by an advisory committee that includes local representatives such as Sports and Exhibition Authority Secretary Joseph Williams III, African American Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Doris Carson Williams and Democratic state House Reps. Joe Preston Jr. and Jake Wheatley.

"We would not be here today if it were not for a passionate commitment by Don and the governor in recognizing diversity is our strength," said Speaks.



Sports & Exposition Authority President George Zoffinger moderated a panel discussion on Enhancing the Business Climate in New Jersey featuring Tony Coscia of the Port Authority of NY & NJ, State Treasurer John McCormac, Jeanne Fox, of the Board of Public Utilities, Susan Bass-Levin, Commissioner of Community Affairs, Commerce Secretary William D. Watley, Al Kroll, Commissioner of the Department of Labor, Holly Bakke Commissioner of Banking & Insurance and Brad Campbell, DEP Commissioner.

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In addition, AMERIGROUP offers the following tips to help parents and children head back to school with healthy habits.

- **Get Immunized**-Protect your child against childhood illnesses and diseases by ensuring your child is current on their vaccinations. Your child's pediatrician will know which age-appropriate vaccination to give including Hepatitis, Tetanus, Polio and Measles to name a few.

- **Get Physical!**-Visiting with your doctor before school starts can help prevent illnesses that may affect your child's performance or attendance at school. Add a hearing and vision screening test to your child's physical.

- **Rise and Dine**-Studies have shown that children who eat breakfast improve their school performance and attention span. Breakfast can be any combination of nutritious foods such as cereal, skim milk and fruit, bagel with jelly, juice and milk, rice cakes with peanut butter or low-fat yogurt.

- **Sack the Fat**-Replace doughnuts and cookies with fruits and vegetables in your child's lunch bag. Junk food adds only empty calories and lots of fat.

- **Count Plenty of Sheep**-Sleep is needed for both proper growth and for positive school performance. Depending on age, children need anywhere from nine to 11 hours of sleep. Get into the habit a week before school starts since everyone needs time to adjust to a new schedule.

- **Move it!**-Beat childhood obesity by planning an evening walk or bike ride with the family.

- **Wash it!**-Germs and other unpleasant life forms are lurking about. Teach your child proper hand washing to ward off illnesses caused by germs. Insist your children cover their mouths when coughing and give them zip lock bags to throw used tissues into instead of collecting them on their desktops!

- **Don't Be Weighed Down**-Heavy book bags can burden a child's shoulders. Parents can lighten the load by periodically getting rid of any unnecessary items in the backpack. Encourage your children to keep as many items in their lockers as possible.

- **Talk it out**-Initiate conversation about various peer pressures or anxieties your child may be facing. Also discuss health situations with your child. There may be new health problems that developed in your child over the summer that will affect his/her school day.

- **Be Alert**-Review the basic transportation safety rules with your youngster. Encourage kids to look both ways at the bus stop and to wear their helmets while riding their bikes. Safety first!

Doctors don't follow guide for women heart care

By Becky Ham, Science Writer
Health Behavior News Service

Women often miss out on cholesterol screening and nutrition counseling because their physicians do a poor job of following the recommended guidelines for cardiovascular care in women, according to a study in the September issue of *Women's Health Issues*.

Doctors need to overcome external barriers, like a lack of reimbursement for preventive care, along with their own habits and beliefs about the guidelines to improve heart care, according to Michael Cabana, M.D., M.P.H., and Catherine Kim, M.D., M.P.H., of the University of Michigan Medical Center.

In fact, external barriers like access to care and multiple providers who do not communicate with each other may be the most significant obstacles to better care, the researchers say.

Using the American Heart Association's guidelines for women's preventive heart care, Cabana and Kim pinpoint sev-

eral reasons why the guidelines might be ignored. Some physicians may lack information about new cholesterol management guidelines, for example. The researchers also suggest that physicians may feel unable to deliver the necessary nutritional or exercise counseling recommended for heart health.

Other doctors may not bother with the guidelines because they think their patients won't be able to follow their advice, while some see the guidelines as generalized "cookbook medicine" that devalues their personal practice.

"In general, physicians are more likely to be aware of and agree with guidelines developed by their own specialty organization," Cabana explains.

Continuing medical education to give physicians the skills and confidence to apply new guidelines, along with "external" improvements like reimbursement and computerized reminder systems, could improve women's preventive care, the researchers conclude.

Black men in Newark help reduce cancer death rate

American Cancer Society
Volunteers Encourage Peers to
Get Screened for Cancer

NEWARK, N.J. - The American Cancer Society launched a new program that aims to reduce the burden of cancer among black men in Newark. The new program builds upon the success of the American Cancer Society "Sister to Sister" initiative started years ago by incorporating a male component that will develop the same type of grassroots outreach for the black male population. The American Cancer Society "Brothers Talk" initiative will build and train a

network of black male volunteers from the community to increase prostate and colon health awareness among their peers and direct men for age-appropriate cancer screening tests. Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey (Horizon BCBSNJ) is sponsoring the new health program.

"The death rate for black men from prostate cancer is twice that of white men, and the rate at which black men die from colon cancer is just as disturbing," said Natasha Daniel, director of the American Cancer Society Brothers Talk program. "We can reverse this trend by recruiting black male volun-

We can reverse this trend by recruiting black male volunteers to stress the importance of prevention and early detection to their peers.

teers to stress the importance of prevention and early detection to their peers."

American Cancer Society "Brothers Talk" volunteers in Newark will conduct peer education sessions, teach techniques to promote good prostate and colon health, and help uninsured or underinsured men from the greater Newark area obtain free or low-cost cancer screening tests through the New Jersey Cancer Education and Early Detection program.

"Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey is committed to supporting important health programs, especially those that reach underserved African Americans and other at-risk populations," said William J. Marino, president and CEO of Horizon BCBSNJ. "We commend the American Cancer Society for developing and implementing the Brothers Talk and Sister to Sister programs, which will lead to greater awareness and better understanding of these life-threatening diseases in an underserved community."

One of the first volunteers to join the "Brothers Talk" program in Newark was Vincent Weathers, a minister at Gravel Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Newark.

"Black men in my community usually get screened for cancer or go to the doctor as a last resort," said Weathers, who also works in Horizon's BCBSNJ's Credentialing Department. "But by then, it's often too late."

"I got involved with the Brothers Talk program to help spread the word about the importance of getting screened for cancer," Weathers said. "How you get information about cancer and who you get it from makes a huge difference."

In addition to support from Horizon BCBSNJ and volunteers like Vincent Weathers, the "Brothers Talk" program has also been endorsed by Newark Mayor Sharpe James as an innovative way to improve the health of black men in his city.

Hailing the new program, Newark Mayor Sharpe James said, "The prostate and colon cancer rate among African American men is alarming. Unfortunately this disease is often talked about in whispers and with embarrassment. This program seeks to destroy the myths and stereotypes and enables black men to address their personal health issues in much the same way that they would tackle the responsibilities of family, job and being a

By becoming savvy about our own healthcare needs, we can help reduce the prostate and colon cancer mortality rate among our fellow African Americans."

contributing member of their community. Brothers Talk is a pioneering program that offers education, prevention, early detection and proper treatment to individual men and groups in the African-American community. By becoming savvy about our own healthcare needs, we can help reduce the prostate and colon cancer mortality rate among our fellow African Americans."

The American Cancer Society estimates that 33,500 black men will be diagnosed with prostate and colon cancer this year. And although the five-year survival rate for prostate cancer when detected early is 100 percent, black men are twice as likely to die from the disease than white men due, in part, to detecting the disease in a later stage. The American Cancer Society also estimates that the colon cancer death rate for black men will be higher than that of the national average.

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No chemistry between Beyonce' and Cuba in corny Gospel Comedy

Review by Kam Williams

Who would even think of pairing Beyonce' with Cuba Gooding, Jr. for a fling in a romantic comedy? British-born director Jonathan Lynn would, that's who.

Although Lynn has made his share of hit movies, such as *The Whole Nine Yards* (2000) and *My Cousin Vinny* (1992), he made a fatal casting faux pas in the case of *The Fighting Temptations*.

After all, the sultry, 22-year-old Beyonce' has got to be one of the hottest commodities around, since she's at the top of her game in terms of both her music and film careers. In 2002, she made a memorable screen debut as Foxy.

Cleopatra opposite Mike Myers in *Goldmember*, aka *Austin Powers 3*. That movie met with spectacular success for a sequel, netting way over \$200 million domestically alone.

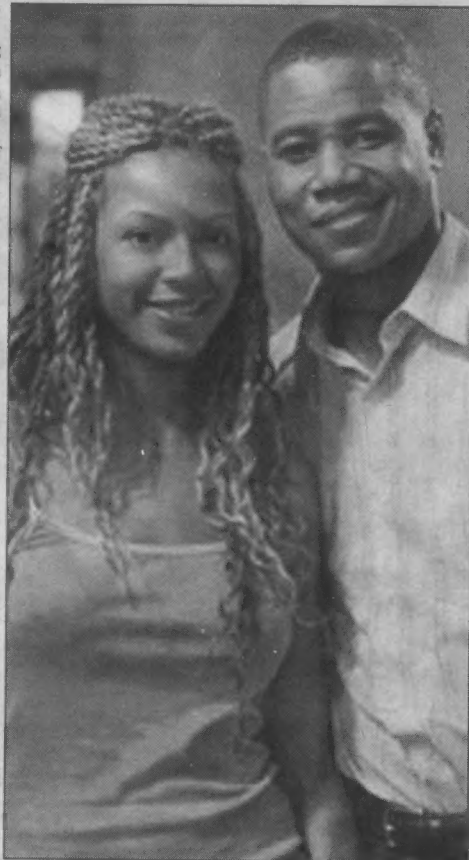
Cuba's, by contrast, has had the misfortune to be associated with more flops than hits since he won the Best Supporting Actor Oscar for shouting

"Show me the money!" repeatedly at Jerry Maguire (1996). Sadly, several of his flicks have even figured prominently on my Annual 10 Worst List, with *What Dreams May Come* (1998) and *Instinct* (1999) coming instantly to mind.

And earlier this year, he unleashed the unwatchable *Boat Trip* on his fans, where he played a straight guy booked on an all-gay cruise by a vindictive travel agent. He was able to generate more chemistry getting in bed with a flamboyant drag queen there than the sizzle he fails to find with Beyonce' in *The Fighting Temptations*.

This project was doomed from the start, as soon as somebody decided that Cuba and Beyonce' could play contemporaries. To be honest, he prances about like an awkward, middle-aged goofball while she plays a shy, retiring beauty who could easily pass for a teenager. Nonetheless, the story, which begins back in 1980, has them as about the same age. The action unfolds in the sleepy town of Montecarlo, Georgia where we briefly get to see school-aged Darrin (Gooding) flirt with his childhood heartthrob Lilly (Beyonce'). Soon after she rejects him because she wants to marry Michael Jackson, events fast-forward to present-day New York City.

In short order, we learn that Darrin has grown up to be a con man who landed a job at a top ad agency by passing himself off as an Andover grad, a Yale grad, and the son of a Congressman. The truth be told, he's an orphan whose father died in Vietnam and whose mom was killed in a hit-and-run accident. Then, even though Darrin



devises a money-making malt liquor campaign aimed at the black community, he is fired for his fake resume'.

As luck would have it, the liar learns that he is set to inherit \$150,000 from his dearly-departed Aunt Sally (Ann Nesby), provided he first returns to Georgia and fulfills her dying wish, namely to form a church choir and lead it to victory in a competition called the Gospel explosion. Alternately boring and offensive, the only reason to see this mess is for the music.

The film features on screen performances from such bona fide gospel stars as Yolanda Adams, the Blind Boys of Alabama, Mary Mary, Raymah, Donnie McClurkin and the Reverend Shirley Caesar. Plus, from the world of pop music, we have appearances by Faith Evans, Angie Stone, Melba Moore, The O'Jays, Montell Jordan, T-Bone, Zane, and of course, Beyonce' herself.

However, the plot would've been more believable if it had Lilly hooking-up with Mike Epps or even Steve Harvey, both of whose talents were wasted here lending a little color as a bootyologist and a radio dee-jay, respectively.

The only break in the torture of the two-hour waiting for Darrin and Lilly to ride off into the sunset comes from watching Holy Rollers periodically catch the spirit and break into song. But I'd still rather send you to almost any Baptist church for Sunday service before recommending this ungodly misadventure.

Fair (1 star)

Rated PG-13 for sexual references and a couple of mild epithets.

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Oleta Adams and Chris Botti Headline the Sixth Annual Jersey Jazz by the Lake Musicfest

Nestor Torres, Jeff Golub and The Richard Reiter Swing Band Appear at the All-Day Jazzfest

CRANFORD - The Jersey Jazz By The Lake Musicfest is staged in Union County's Nomahegan Park, Cranford, NJ. "The Sixth Annual Jazzfest will feature five outstanding acts," stated Deborah P. Scanlon, Chairwoman of the Union County Freeholders. "The event will also be a celebration for Fall food festival buffs and for families with children, who can enjoy Kids Kingdom." Admission to the all-day event is free. The festival takes place between 12:30 - 9:00 P.M., so bring your chairs and blankets so you can sit back, relax and enjoy!

Enjoy the sweet soulful sounds of Grammy-nominated Oleta Adams. "Circle One," Oleta's platinum album, provided a huge hit called "Get Here." This song became the unofficial



Oleta Adams

many cuts from his new album "Mi Alma Latina" including "Europa," which was written by



Chris Botti

Santana, and "Watermelon Man," his tribute to Mongo Santamaria. Nestor Torres can

play beautifully articulated flute lines and can swing hard with a salsa groove.

After three acclaimed and popular Bluemoon/Atlantic albums with his band Avenue Blue, guitarist Jeff Golub decided to go solo. Golub co-produced "Out of the Blue" with Phillippe Saisse. David Sanborn, Al Jarreau, and Luther Vandross also co-wrote a number of the album tracks. Cuts such as "Lucky Strike" and "Velvet Touch" receive frequent airplay on New York City's

WQCD 101.9 FM smooth jazz station.

The Richard Reiter Swing Band makes the past swing again via familiar standards. The group features Reiter on saxophone, clarinet and flute plus vocalist Tricia Slight. Reiter has performed with Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Nancy Wilson and was onstage soloist in the Bob Fosse Broadway musical "Dancin'."

For more information, call the Jazzfest at 908-436-2900.



Nestor Torres

anthem of the Gulf War in 1991. Her latest release, "All The Love" is a blend of the music spectrum where Oleta maneuvers through jazz, pop, R&B, and gospel. Billboard magazine wrote, "no matter how high she reaches for the clouds or how subtly she whispers, she manages to balance the rich, robust strength of a tigress against the tenderness of a kitten."

Chris Botti was the recipient of 2003 National Smooth Jazz Awards in three categories. He was voted Male Artist of the Year, Brass of the Year, and Album of the Year for "Night Sessions" his first album for Columbia records. "Night Sessions" continues to be one of the top-selling albums on Billboard's Contemporary Jazz Chart. Botti's newest album, "December," captures a range of emotion with a thirteen-song collection of Christmas standards. Botti toured with Sting during the Brand New Day Tour. His sensual and original trumpet sounds have made him the most recognizable pop instrumentalist in contemporary music.

Latin Grammy winner, jazz flutist Nestor Torres has been captivating audiences with his smooth blend of Latin, jazz and pop sounds. He will feature

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CONTRACT NO. 105 BIDDERS NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Executive Director of the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority (RVSA) at the Executive Director's office, 1050 East Hazelwood Avenue, Rahway, New Jersey, 07065, until 11:30 A.M. prevailing time on Monday, November 10, 2003, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud for:

COGENERATION/SLUDGE DRYING FACILITY CONTRACT NO. 105

A Pre Bid Meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on October 9, 2003. The meeting will take place at the RVSA's Public Meeting Room in the Administration Building. All interested parties are invited to attend.

Work to be performed under this Contract includes the construction of a 4.6MW cogeneration plant and a sludge drying facility to handle dry digested and dewatered sludge. The facilities are designed to deliver all electrical power required to operate the RVSA wastewater treatment plant (WWTP), all thermal energy required to heat digester sludge, and to dry digester sludge cake to 94% dry solids to generate a Class A sludge product that may be beneficially used as a soil fertilizer.

The work to be performed under this Contract shall include the furnishing of all labor, materials and equipment required to construct the cogeneration and sludge drying facilities consisting of, but not necessarily limited to a new slab on grade, structural steel framed building with precast architectural wall panels and composite roof to house the cogeneration and sludge drying systems, dewatered sludge conveying, storage, and feeding equipment, indirectly heated sludge dryer, dried sludge processing and conveying equipment, cogeneration engines and generator sets, heat recovery/exchange equipment, thermal oil heating equipment, digester gas compressor and treatment equipment, cooling towers and associated equipment, paralleling electrical switchgear, complete cogeneration and sludge drying systems, electrical, instrumentation and controls, building structural, plumbing, fire protection, electrical, and HVAC work, modifications to existing RVSA facilities, site work, painting, cleanup/disposal of debris and abandoned equipment, and, restoration.

The cogeneration and sludge drying building will be located at the RVSA-WWTP between the storage building on the south side and the sludge dewatering building on the north side.

All work to be performed in accordance with the Contract Documents (plans and specifications) and is to be completed within six hundred forty (640) consecutive calendar days.

ONE ORIGINAL AND TWO COPIES OF BIDS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED. Bids must be typed or hand printed on the forms furnished and enclosed in a sealed envelope indicating the name of the Bidder and the title of the Bid being submitted. Bids must include bid security in the form of a Bid Bond, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check in an amount equal to 10% of the total bid price. But, in no event shall the required Bid Security be more than \$20,000. Each Bid Proposal shall include a Consent of Surety issued by a Surety Company licensed to transact business in the State of New Jersey in such form as may be acceptable to the RVSA. Failure to supply the above documentation at the time of the submission of the Bid Proposal shall be cause for rejection. The Surety Company shall provide such Bonds (Performance, Labor and Material Payment, Maintenance and Environmental Maintenance) as are required by the Contract Documents in such form as may be acceptable to the RVSA and in compliance with relevant State statutes.

All inquiries for clarification of any matters concerning the Contract Documents must be made in writing, sent by certified mail and received by the RVSA not later than close of business on Wednesday, October 15, 2003, in order that Addenda can be "noticed", issued and received by the Contractors as required under the N.J. Local Public Contracts Law. No extensions to the previously noted Bid Opening date are contemplated. Bidders are hereby notified that an Addenda, if necessary, will be issued on Monday, October 27, 2003.

Bids may be hand delivered or submitted by mail. However, firms choosing to submit their Bids via the United States mail, Federal Express, UPS, messenger service, etc. are required to have said mail delivered prior to the Bid Opening time. **No bids will be received after the appointed Bid opening time.** Bids may not be withdrawn within sixty (60) days of the Bid Opening date. Bids may be held longer with the consent of the Bidder, by agreement with the RVSA, and only in accordance with New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law.

The RVSA reserves the right to reject any and all Bids and waive Bid informalities and/or irregularities as permitted by the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:111, et seq.) and with the advice of their legal Counsel when it has sound

documented reasons which are in the best interest of the RVSA, the project and the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust (NJEIT). Any award will be made to the lowest, complying and responsible bidder.

All bid securities will be returned within ten (10) working days of Bid Opening, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, excepting those of the three (3) lowest Bidders or others requesting that security be held. Bidders whose securities are returned are considered as having their Bids withdrawn.

Each Bidder shall complete and submit with the Bid Proposal, the Ownership Disclosure Statement, Non-Collusion Affidavit and Equal Employment Opportunity Certification Forms included in the Contract Documents. Failure to supply any or all of the above referenced documents at the time of the submission of the Bid Proposal may be cause for rejection.

The successful Bidder is required to submit the Bonds required by the Contract Documents on or before the execution of the Contract.

Bidders must comply with Federal and State nondiscrimination rules and regulations, including NJSA 10:51, et seq., as amended by P.L. 1975, Chapter 127, effective July 23, 1975.

Contract No. 105 will be funded through the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and the NJEIT. Neither the State of New Jersey, the NJDEP, the NJEIT, nor any of their departments, agencies, or employees is, or will be part of the Contractor any lower tier Contractor Subcontract. Bidders are required to comply with all relevant Federal and State Statutes Rules and Regulations as described in the Bidding Documents. At a minimum, the Contract will be subject to title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Employment on Public Works (N.J.S.A. 10:21), New Jersey Law Against Discrimination (N.J.S.A. 10:51 to 10:54), Foreign Corporations (N.J.S.A. 14A:133), Statement of Ownership (N.J.S.A. 52:252-2), Use of Domestic Materials (N.J.S.A. 52:331 to 52:333), Prevailing Wage Rates (N.J.S.A. 34:11 56.25), Procedures and Requirements of the Loan (NJAC 7:223.1, 4.1 and 5.1), Environmental Assessment Requirements (NJAC 7:2210.11) and Requirements for Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Business Concerns ("SED's") (NJAC 7:229.1). Other Statutes, Rules and Regulations which are incorporated within the Documents and with which the Contractor must comply are Local Public Contract (LPC) N.J.S.A. 40A:1125 to 32 (Qualification and Reclassification of Bidders, N.J.A.C. 7:142.9 (Mobilization), N.J.A.C. 7:223.1.17 (g), 4.17 (g) (Surety Bonds), N.J.S.A. 40A:1133.4 (Penalties for Falsification), N.J.S.A. 40A:1133.2 (Mandatory Submittal Requirements), N.J.S.A. 40A:1118.3 (Retainage), N.J.A.C. 7:2210.11 (e), 2, 3 and 5 (Restoration Requirements), N.J.A.C. 7:2210.11 (f) (Prohibited Construction Procedures) and N.J.A.C. 7:2210.11 (j) (Stockpiling Requirements). Bidders shall note that its submission of a Bid commits the Bidder to the use of small business enterprises owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals with a goal of not less than 10% participation.

Contract Documents are available at the offices of the RVSA, 1050 East Hazelwood Avenue, Rahway, New Jersey, during regular business hours, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cost of complete, full-sized Documents is \$200.00 per set, nonrefundable, payable by check to Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority.

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LEGAL NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF MORRIS

The Housing Authority of the County of Morris is seeking proposals for architectural services for bathroom renovations and common area air conditioning at India Brook Village funded under 2003 Capital Fund Program for Modernization.

Parties interested in submitting a proposal for the architectural services should contact Lucille Favale at the Authority's office at (973) 540-0389 for a detailed request for proposal (RFP), which includes the evaluation factors the Authority will use in selecting the architect. Proposals must be received by October 17, 2003 in order to receive consideration.

All proposals received will be evaluated by the Authority in accordance with the detailed RFP and U.S. Dept. of HUD Handbook 7585.1 Rev. 4 Section 8.2.

Roberta L. Strater
 Executive Director
 Housing Authority of the County of Morris

LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Boonton Housing Authority announces the opening of its application waiting list for people who live and/or work in Morris County on Thursday, September 18, 2003. Local preferences, as designated in the Boonton Housing Authority's Administrative Plan will apply to all applicants at the time the application is processed.

The Housing Authority of the Town of Boonton maintains only 1 waiting list for both the public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program.

Applications for the waiting list will be taken at the Boonton Housing Authority's Administration Building, in person and by appointment only, on each Thursday of the week, unless it is a holiday.

The time frame will be between the hours of 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM. Please call 973-335-0846 to make appointments. Unscheduled walk-in requesting an application will not be taken. They may schedule an appointment at a later date, if there are any available time periods open.

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ADVERTISEMENT AND NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given, that sealed proposals for the Fire Alarm System Replacement at 29 Ann Street, will be received by The MorrisTown Housing Authority on Wednesday, October 8th, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. prevailing time, at 31 Early Street, MorrisTown, New Jersey 07890. Sealed bids shall be publicly opened and read aloud. A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on Monday September 29th at 10:30 a.m. at the site of the work. All Bidders are urged to attend as this will be the only opportunity to visit the building.

The Project generally includes the replacement of the fire alarm system panel, including the installation of new heat and smoke detectors, raceways, pull stations, horns and strobes, remote annunciator panel, new tamper switches and monitoring of existing flow switches.

Plans and Specifications may be obtained at the MorrisTown Housing Authority office during normal business hours, for a non-refundable fee of \$50.00. The Form of Proposal shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name and address of the bidder on the outside and the identification "FIRE ALARM SYSTEM REPLACEMENT, 29 Ann STREET". Bids shall be hand delivered or mailed to the Authority offices at the address set forth above. It is the Bidder's responsibility to assure that their bid is received by the Authority by the time and date established above. The Housing Authority, reserves the right to reject any of all bids, or withhold award for sixty (60) days after the date of opening of bids.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, cash or bid bond in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid as a guarantee that, in case the contract is awarded to the Bidder, they will, within fourteen (14) days thereafter, execute such contracts and furnish satisfactory Performance Bonds and Insurance Certificates as required by the Contract Documents. Upon failure to do so, such Bidder shall forfeit the deposit as liquidated damages.

Each bid must also be accompanied by a Certificate of Consent of Surety from a bonding company licensed to do business in the State of New Jersey, guaranteeing that if the proposal of the bidder be accepted the bonding company will furnish a Performance and Payment Bond in the full amount of the Contract Amount. The successful bidder must complete and submit a HUD Prevailing Participation Certificate, upon notification of award.

Funding for this project is provided by The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Morris County Division of Community Development. Therefore, all Federal Prevailing Wage Regulations as well as Federal Labor Standards Provision will apply. Attention is called to the fact that the contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, creed, color, sex or national origin and to the greatest extent possible, opportunities for training and employment shall be given to lower-income residents of the project area and that, when possible, contracts shall be awarded to business concerns owned by area residents. Small, Minority and Women's Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit bids.

BY ORDER OF THE
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 David Gardner
 Executive Director

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC AUDITOR ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT FYE 9/30/2003

The Housing Authority Town of Dover will accept proposals for its Annual Financial Audit for FYE September 30, 2003.

It is the Authority's desire to retain and employ a qualified Independent Public Auditor (IPA) in order to audit the books and accounts of the Authority. All services must be in accordance with the existing rules and regulations promulgated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and conducted in such a manner as to meet all regulatory auditing requirements of the State of New Jersey.

The services will encompass all of the Housing Authority's programs including, but not limited to, Public Housing (69 units); Section 8 Vouchers (248); Capital Fund Program (CFP) and Family Self Sufficiency Program.

The DFA RFP may be obtained by contacting Kathleen E. Lynch, at 973-361-9444 or picked up at the DFA's office. The DFA is an EEO employer.

A copy of the candidates resume should be attached to the proposal listing all previous experience and qualifications. Proposals should be mailed or hand delivered to the Authority on or before 2:00 PM on September 24, 2003. The address is as follows:

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Community

Step Out, Save Lives! - Exercise Your Heart! Volunteers needed for Essex County American Heart Walk on October 26. For more info call 973-376-3636.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Irvington — Peer Support Group. For residents of Irvington & surrounding communities, ages 50 & over, who are experiencing loneliness, isolation, depression, grief and/or loss. Irvington General Hospital. For more info call 973-399-6129.

Plainfield — Lifeguard Instructor (R03) & Water Safety Instructor Courses. Individuals 17 & older can register. Don't miss this opportunity to be trained as an instructor! Plainfield YMCA. To register & for more info call 908-756-6414 x 27.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Jersey City — The Walk to Cure Juvenile Diabetes. 9:00 am. Liberty State Park. For more info call 800-23-LATTE.

Maplewood — 2nd Annual Cultural Heritage Festival. Free event. 12:00 - 5:00 pm. Memorial Park. For more info call 973-275-0081.

Montclair — Dr. Cornell West will be the special guest speaker at a forum sponsored by the People's Organization for Progress. 7:00 pm. St. Peter Claver Church for more info call 973-801-0001.

Newark — Fishing Derby & Boating Event. Free event rain or shine. 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Branch Brook Park near the Prudential Lions. For more info call 973-643-1611 x 106.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Irvington — Fishing Derby. Open to all County children ages 15 & under. Participants must provide their own fishing poles & bait. 8:00 - 11 am. Irvington Park. For more info call 973-268-3500 x 234 or 256.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Mountainside — Scarecrow-Building Contest at the 22nd Annual Harvest Festival. 11:00 am - 5:00 pm. \$3 kids over 7 & adults. For more info call 908-789-3670 or 908-527-4900.

Heartbeat

SATURDAY, SEPTMEBER 20

Jersey City — The Walk to Cure Juvenile Diabetes. 9 am. Liberty State Park. For more info call 800-23-LATTE.

THURSDAY, SEPT 25

Newark — Way to Go Kids! - A Children's Weight Management Program. 8-week program designed to teach children between the ages of 9 & 14, that healthy eating & activity are a way of life. Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, Employee Cafeteria Annex. Cost is \$175. For more info including dates & times call 973-926-2884 or 973-926-2663.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Newark — Health Care in America: Shaping the Current Debate. Keynote Speaker: Raymond V. Gilmartin, Chairman, President & CEO, Merck & Co., Inc. 12:00 - 2:00 pm. Cost \$35. For more info visit www.njchamber.com. The Washington Square Conference Center, IDT Corporation.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Belleville — Shoulder Pain. Free seminar that focuses on some of the causes of pain in addition to the latest treatments available. 7:00 pm. Clara Maass Medical Center. For more info & to register call 973-450-2213.

Business

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Atlantic City — Entrepreneurial Training Institute Class. Practical business training program to help new & existing entrepreneurs in NJ prepare a business plan, learn how to manage the day-to-day operations, as well as understand the ins & outs of getting financing. 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Bally's Casino, 41st FL, Hospitality Room. For more info & to register call 609-292-9279.

Cranford — Microsoft Windows 2000 - Part 1. Complete introduction to Microsoft Windows 2000. \$99 each section. 7:00 - 10:00 pm. Union County College. For more info & to register call 908-709-7600.

Newark — Minority Enterprise Seminar. Free seminar. SBA's Business Information Center. For registration and more info call 609-581-2220.

Newark — Introduction to Quick Books. Learn how to set up & use the basic features of this popular & user-friendly accounting program. Noon - 3:00 pm. SBA's Business Information Center. To register & for more info call 609-581-2220.



Tuesday, September 23 Somerset — Ebony Fashion Fair presents 'Color Splash' sponsored by Shiloh Baptist Church. 7:00 pm. Ukrainian Cultural Center. \$35. For tickets & info call 908-754-3353 x 10, 908-755-8800 or 908-561-3547.

Trenton — Entrepreneurial Training Institute Class. Practical business training program to help new & existing entrepreneurs in NJ prepare a business plan, learn how to manage the day-to-day operations, as well as understand the ins & outs of getting financing. 6:00 - 9:00 pm. Mercer County Tech. School. For more info & to register call 609-292-9279.

Vineland — Entrepreneurial Training Institute Class. Practical business training program to help new & existing entrepreneurs in NJ prepare a business plan, learn how to manage the day-to-day operations, as well as understand the ins & outs of getting financing. 6:00 - 9:00 pm. Greater Vineland Chamber of Commerce. For more info & to register call 609-292-9279.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Cranford — Microsoft Windows 2000 - Part 1. Complete introduction to Microsoft Windows 2000. \$99 each section. 8:30 am - 3:30 pm. Union County College. For more info & to register call 908-709-7600.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Cranford — Word XP - Part 1. Become familiar with this popular word processing software package. \$99 each section. 8:30 am - 3:30 pm. Union County College. For more info & to register call 908-709-7600.

Cranford — Computers & Seniors - Perfect Together! Introductory course designed specifically for senior citizens (age 60+). 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Union County College. To register call 908-709-7600.

Cranford — Word XP - Part 1. Become familiar with this popular word processing software package. \$99 each section. 7:00 - 10:00 pm. Union County College. For more info & to register call 908-709-7600.

Jersey City — Entrepreneurial Training Institute Class. Practical business training program to help new & existing entrepreneurs in NJ prepare a business plan, learn how to manage the day-to-day operations, as well as understand

the ins & outs of getting financing. 6:00 - 9:00 pm. The Trust Company of New Jersey. For more info & to register call 609-292-9279.

Mt. Laurel — Entrepreneurial Training Institute Class. Practical business training program to help new & existing entrepreneurs in NJ prepare a business plan, learn how to manage the day-to-day operations, as well as understand the ins & outs of getting financing. 6:00 - 9:00 pm. Burlington County College High Technology Center. For more info & to register call 609-292-9279.

Artz

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

New Brunswick — Tim Reynolds Solo Acoustic. The night will feature the well-known Dave Matthews collaborator performing his unique brand of hybrid acoustic/electric music. Tickets are \$25. 8:00 pm. Crossroads Theatre. For more info & tickets visit www.statetheatrenj.org.

SEPT 19 — SEPT 21

Newark — A Streetcar Named Desire. An African-American retelling of Tennessee Williams' 1947 Pulitzer Prize-winning play. Newark Symphony Hall. For times & tickets call 973-624-1584.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

New Brunswick — Tim Reynolds Solo Acoustic performance of his unique brand of hybrid acoustic/electric music. 8:00 pm. \$25 For more info & tickets call 877-STATE-11 or visit www.statetheatrenj.org.

SEPT 10 — OCTOBER 5

Millburn — Ain't Misbehavin'. Performance celebrating in song & dance the sounds of Fats Waller's music-jazz, swing, stride, boogie-woogie, & everything in between. Paper Mill Playhouse. Various performance times. For a complete schedule & or to purchase tickets call 973-376-4343

or visit www.papermill.org.

ONGOING — OCTOBER 1

Newark — The Roots of Rock & Blues Photography. Exhibit featuring the photography of Rita Weigand. Monday thru Friday during regular business hours. WBGO-FM (Jazz 88) Gallery. For more info visit www.wbgo.org.

Religion

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Newark — New Hope Baptist Church Centennial Celebration's Concert of Hymns. Presented by Dr. Emily "Cissy" Houston & featuring a musical salute to the centennial celebration & will feature New Hope's Mass Choir of more than 100 voices. 7:00 pm. New Hope Baptist Church. For more info call 973-622-4547.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Newark — New Hope Baptist Church Centennial Anniversary Service. Featuring Rev. Lula Baker, Rev. Dr. Charles E. Thomas & Rev. Joe A. Carter. New Hope Baptist Church. 6:30 am. For all service times & more info call 973-622-4547.

SEPT 21 — SEPT 24

Plainfield — Revival! Revival! Revival! Come out and renew your soul and make a quality decision to go with God! Rose of Sharon Community Church. For times & more info call 908-561-9070.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Newark — Back to School Gospel Fest. In honor of the Late Elma Delois Forbes Dickerson featuring the Reverend Milton Biggum & a pre-concert performance by the EOCCS Youth Choir. Tickets \$15. 5:00 pm. Essex County College Gymnasium. For tickets & more info call 973-676-1199.

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